

Madison County Airport Board

Virginia City, Montana

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2008

Attendees: T. Miller, J. Hauck, B. Bradley, J. Fenton, L. Carlson, J. Frey

Absentees: D. Davis

Commissioners: J. Hart, D. Schulz

Secretary: B. Durham

Visitors: Charity Fechter, Randy Witt, Rick Donaldson/Robert Peccia and Associates

Minutes were approved.

1. Report Twin Bridges Airport:

- a. Airport Conditions: Kenworthy Electric has corrected the electrical problems caused by mice. Lighting is working properly at this time.

Currently trash is being cleaned up around the airport. Cones were delivered by Montana Aeronautics. Randy is devising a process to anchor the cones. Montana Aeronautics is going to take the old runway lights stored at the airport.

The hot water heater and bathroom fan have been repaired in the pilot shack. The Forest Service is moving office furniture into the pilot shack in preparation for the summer fire season. Their travel trailer has been moved in and their sign is installed.

Hydraulics on the plow/sweeper has not been repaired. Hydraulic oil is leaking out of the tank. Randy feels like the problem existed when the truck was new and should be corrected by the dealer. Because the problem was never reported to the dealer and the warranty is expired the dealer will not correct the problem without charging the county.

Brendon Dale resigned as Airport Manager. The Commissioners will advertise the position.

The Forest Service approached Beau regarding a five year lease for tank storage. A pit approximately 60 x 70 x 3 feet deep would be dug to hold the tanks. Rick advised that a FAA Form 7460 would need to be completed. Beau will check with other airports that have leases with the Forest Service. Rick will provide Beau with the names of the airports. Motion made by Jack Fenton to proceed with Forest Service Lease, 2nd John Hauck, All in favor, motion carries. Beau would like to budget funds to extend grass to the Forest Service lease area.

Runway – Taxiway Lines Painted: The runway and taxiway needs to be repainted. Rick feels like the 2009 AIP will cover repainting.

- b. Airport Improvement Projects Update: See attached report for Robert Peccia and Associates

2. Report Ennis Big Sky Airport:

- a. Airport Conditions: No run-off occurring at this time. Tom cleaned the culvert on Shell Creek in preparation for spring run-off. Rick asked if the culverts on Shell Creek handle the run-off water. Tom answered that the culverts do handle the run-off water as long as they are not plugged. Rick asked Tom to pay attention to the culverts during run-off. Tom did a little grading on the road due to mud at the cattle guard and gate. The gravel came back to the surface and the approach area is better. The road from the cattle guard to the county road needs gravel to prepare it for heavy equipment. Jim noticed the beacon and runway lights on at 11:00 pm Sunday night. Jim reported on progress with the fuel tank problem.
- b. Airport Improvements Projects Update: See attached report from Robert Peccia and Associates. Motion made by John, 2nd by Tom to send the Independent Fee Review to Morrison Maierle. All in favor, motion carries. Rick reported that due to the large number of inquiries, 45 sets of bid documents have been produced. Motion made by John, 2nd by Tom that the Airport Board recommends that the Commissioners approved recommendations made by Robert Peccia and Associates barring any unforeseen circumstances. All in favor, motion carries.
 - Notifications: Barbie will send notifications to surrounding airports, surrounding land owners, and airport users letting them know the airport will be closed at least 90 days.
- c. Airport manager resignation: Bob Gates resigned as Ennis Big Sky Airport Manager. The Commissioners will advertise the position.

3. Airport Rules and Regulations, Rules for Building Contractors, Hangar Requirements: Table at this time

4. Resolution and Bylaws: Tabled at this time

5. Airport Affected Area Regulations: No new information

6. McCann / Madison County Lease Boundaries Clarification: No new information.

7. New Business:

8. Public Comment: